Delay of flights due to fog in Northern Region

476. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights of Indian Airlines which have been dislocated/ delayed due to fog at various air bases in the northern region;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after installation of ILS, the flights are still delayed;

(c) whether ILS instruments are fully operational; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The number of Indian Airlines and Alliance Air flights delayed or cancelled due to adverse weather conditions ex-Northern Region for the months of October to December, 2001 and January, 2002 are as follows:

Month	Delays	Cancellations	Delays rate per 100 take off
October, 01	5	3	0.40%
November, 01	28	8	2.03%
December, 01	124	60	9.58%
January, 02	153	31	9.37%

(b) Yes, Sir. Flights may get delayed even after the installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS), as the Runway Visual Range (RVR) for this system installed at 28 end of the runway at IGI airport is 200 meters. When the RVR falls below this RVR of 200 meters, then the flights are either diverted or not permitted to operate.

There are also other parameters like DGCA's approved minima for the particular type of aircraft of the airlines or particular crew qualifications for the operating of aircraft in low visibility conditions, when the flights are not permitted to operate.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.